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1. February 1954: deliveries to the USSR

The following amounts of fine wire mesh were manufactured in February 1954 and delivered to the Deutsche Handelszentrale (German wholesale trade organization) in Leipzig, for export to the USSR:

a. Nickel mesh

 $6,000 \text{ mesh} - 300 \text{ m}^2$

 $8,200 \text{ mesh} - 500 \text{ m}^2.$

 $12,000 \text{ mesh} - 350 \text{ m}^2$.

Bronze mesh

 $4,900 \text{ mesh} = 500 \text{ m.}^{1}$

6,300 mesh - 250 m.

10,000 mesh - 250 m.

30,000 mesh - 50 m. (10 cms wide)

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2. March 1954: deliveries to the USSR

The following amounts of mesh were delivered to the USSR in March 1954:

a. Nickel mesh

4,900 mesh (DIN 70) - 700 m.¹
13,000 mesh (DIN 130) - 400 m.

b. Bronze mesh

5,000 mesh (French 120) - 4,000 m. ¹ 6,000 mesh (French 190) - 5,200 m.

3. General

- a. In late March 1954, it was estimated that the plant was working at about 66% capacity on fine mesh orders again. At that time, there were shortages of reed materials.
- b. In late April 1954, the plant was still working on Russian orders and was making the following additional amounts of the meshes mentioned in paragraph 2 above:

Ni - 4,900 mesh - 300 m. 1

Ni - 13,000 mesh - 100 m.

Bronze - 5,000 mesh - 6,000 m.

Bronze - 6,000 mesh - 4,800 m.

The total amount of the orders, of which the above is part, was not known.

1. Comment. All amounts reported as received. In all probability, the unit of measure is m^2 .

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